

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A protective device for use in the protection of at least a portion of an elongated article, the protective device including a main body, first and second parts which are connectible together such that, in an assembled position the main body has a chamber therein, the first and second parts each having two longitudinal extending side edge portions respective side edge portions of the first part being adapted to cooperate with respective side edge portions of the second part to connect the two parts together in the assembled position, said first and second parts overlapping when in the assembled position and being connected together by relative movement in the axial direction so as to adopt the assembled position.
2. (Original) A protective device according to claim 1 wherein the first and second parts are partially circular when viewed in cross-section, the first part comprising a major segment of a circle and the second part forming a minor segment of a circle.
3. (Original) A protective device according to claim 2 wherein the side edge portions of the first or second part include a recessed section for receiving the side edge portion of the other part.
4. (Currently amended) A protective device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein when in the assembled position the main body is open at at least one end.
5. (Currently amended) A protective device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein when in the assembled position the main body is open at both ends.
6. (Currently amended) A protective device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein one of the ends of the main body is belled for receiving the other end of an adjacent device.
7. (Currently amended) A protective device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 further including insulation on the internal surface of one or both parts of the main body.

8. (Currently amended)        A protective device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 further including a locating element which projects from the inner wall of one of the two parts.

9. (Currently amended)        A protective device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the main body of the device is formed from material known as reactive powder concrete or ultra high performance fibre reinforced concrete.

10. (Original)                A protective device according to claim 9 wherein the material is Ductal (trade mark).